

Notice to Respiratory Profession
KBRC Regulations: 201 KAR 29:010, 201 KAR 29:015, KAR 201 29:050 Changes

The KBRC met in November 2005 and agreed changes were in order for statutes and regulations changes. The Board filed proposed changes to the regulations in May 2006 with the Legislative Research Commission. The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee met on July 11, 2006 and the Board was represented by Klaus Becker, Vice-Chair, Wade Root, Tami McDaniel, and Anna Jones at the meeting. This is the first request since 1990 to increase licensure **certification fees** with no changes to the application fees. The applications will be changed to reflect the new fees, if approved, by the Legislature in September 2006. The renewal form will be updated to reflect the CEU provider numbers and course numbers. The Board also approved elimination of the CEU carryover. The following is new fee structure proposed by the KBRC and approved by LRC:

✓ <u>New Fees:</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Totals</u>
✓ Limited/Student:	\$40	\$10	\$50
✓ Mandatory/Temp	\$35	\$50	\$85
✓ Mandatory/NBRC	\$75	\$50	\$125
✓ Reinstatement:	N/A		\$150
✓ Reactivation	N/A		\$75
✓ Renewal	N/A		\$75
✓ Inactive Renewal	N/A		\$25

The Board proposed a \$25 increase in all our fees except inactive renewal where we are proposing a \$15 increase and the reinstatement fee that proposes an \$80 increase. The reason the reinstatement fee is substantially higher is because we made it twice the cost of renewal to create an incentive for people to timely renew. Otherwise, some people have continued to work on an expired license and jeopardized the businesses they're working for by providing unlicensed respiratory services. Unlicensed respiratory services usually have to be reimbursed to federal/state entities and the Board will continue to propose a penalty by agreed order for the folks who are unlicensed and practice respiratory care. The Board added language that makes all fees non refundable. **Also, it was discussed that the Board will not give credits any longer for proceeding to the next licensure step if someone comes to us as a student, temporary, and NBRC certified.** All practitioners will pay the amount for each licensure as noted above. Final approval for these regulations is expected from the Legislative Research Commission by **September 2, 2006.**